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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicant herewith calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

A copy of a European Search Report mailed November 7, 2000 with respect to related application No. EP 99112975.0 is enclosed, in which the following documents are cited:

U.S. Patent No. 5,675,507 to BOBO II, entitled "Message Storage and Delivery System", which issued on October 7, 1997. Applicant notes that this document was cited as a category "X" document (indicating a document of particular relevance) with respect to claims 1, 2, and 5-9 of the European application. The Examiner indicated the Abstract, and column 4, line 42 through column 4, line 43; column 5, line 14 through column 5, line 25; figure 1, and figure 5 as being relevant. The Examiner also indicated

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this document as a category "Y" document (indicating a document relevant if combined with another document of the same category) with respect to claims 3, 4, and 10-18 of the European application;

PCT Application No. WO 98/58335 to MATSUMOTO, entitled "Storing Electronically Transmitted Facsimiles on a Web Site", which was published on December 23, 1998. Applicant notes that this document was cited as a category "X" document with respect to claim 1 of the European application. The Examiner indicated page 2, line 14 through page 3, line 10 as being relevant. The Examiner also indicated this document is a category "A" document (indicating a document relevant to the technological background of a document) with respect to claims 1-18 of the European application;

U.S. Patent No. 5,790,790 to SMITH et al., entitled "Electronic Document Delivery System in Which Notification of Said Electronic Document is Sent to a Recipient Thereof", which issued on August 4, 1998. Applicant notes that this document was cited as a category "Y" document with respect to claims 3, 4, and 10-18 of the European application. The Examiner indicated the Abstract and column 8, line 37 through column 8, line 46 as being relevant;

PCT Application No. WO 98/23058 to FREISHTAT et al., entitled "System for Integrated Management of Messaging and Communications", which was published on May 28, 1998. Applicant notes that this document was cited as a category "A" document

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with respect to claims 1-18 of the European application. The Examiner indicated the Abstract as being relevant; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,790,793 to HIGLEY, entitled "Method and System to Create, Transmit, Receive and Process Information, Including and Address to Further Information", which was published on August 4, 1998. Applicant notes that this document was cited as a category "A" document with respect to claim 3 of the European application. The Examiner indicated that the Abstract and figure 9 are relevant.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above-mentioned documents. Copies of these documents are attached and are listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the same to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.


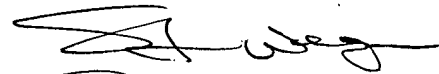
Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application. Further, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. Of course, this statement does not apply to information that has previously

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been cited by Applicant or the Examiner in the present application as that information is already of record and no certification is necessary.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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